

What could it really cost the State of Montana if you don't pass SB 234 = Brandon's Bill?

A Harvard Study by Michael Ganz in 2006 estimates the average societal cost of every child with autism to be \$3.2 million dollars if they do not receive the appropriate early intervention. SB 234

In 2005, there were 11,602 children born in the State of Montana. Our state's birthrate has remained steady, within a few hundred of this number, for many years.

The rate of prevalence for autism in 1990 was 1 in 10,000 children. To demonstrate the exponential rate of growth in that prevalence, if those same children were born in 1990, only 1 or 2 children born that year would be at risk for developing autism ($11,602/10,000 = 1.16$).

Those 1 or 2 children born in 1990 will have a societal impact of \$3.2 - \$6.4 million dollars over their lifetime.

The prevalence of autism in 2005 was 1 in 150 children. Therefore 77 children born in the year 2005 are at risk of developing autism. ($11,602/150 = 77.34$). Those 77 children will have a societal impact of \$246,400,000! This is just for the children born in 2005.

2006 – The same \$246,400,000

2007 – \$246,400,000

2008 - \$246,400,000

The children born in the last 4 years will cost society nearly \$1 BILLION over their lifetimes if we don't ensure they get the early intervention prescribed to them by a Medical Doctor!

What will it cost policyholders in an increased premium by passing SB 234?

Oliver Wyman Actuarial Consulting Inc is one of the largest actuarial consulting practices in America. They provided a very detailed cost estimate for SB 234. They estimate the cost increases for the premium to Montanans to be \$12.70 per year.

\$1.06 per month – that is a half a gallon of gas per month.

3 cents per day

Would you like a real life example?

My husband & I have paid around \$1,000/mo for Brandon's necessary treatments for the last 30 months = \$30,000 out of pocket and we have health insurance. Brandon will be mainstreamed in school next year when he begins Kindergarten, saving the State of Montana's education system \$156,000 over the course of his 13 years in the public school system.

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